



REPORTING A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION
MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission aids and advises the City Council in ensuring all citizens have equal opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education and other affairs.

The commission sponsors a number of educational forums and provides mediation for individuals who feel they have been discriminated against, in relation to human rights laws.

For more information or to make a complaint, contact the Human Rights Commission.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted to provide broad anti-discrimination protection for all persons with physical and mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities. The ADA covers employment, public services, public accommodations, services operated by private entities and telecommunication relay services.

The City has staff with ADA training that can provide assistance, guidance and follow-up in reference to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Call Human Services if:

- You believe you have been discriminated against because of a disability.
- You are building or renovating a publicly used building and want to make sure ADA guidelines for accessibility are met.
- You are a concerned citizen who believes a public or private entity isn't accessible.

The City has made a commitment to serve individuals with disabilities and to make sure every individual has access to all services, public and private. Since 2007, Human Services has purchased almost \$10,000 in accessible equipment, including a beach walker, wheelchair and pool lift, to increase participation by individuals with disabilities at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center and Bush Lake Beach.

For more information, contact Human Services.



WORTHY OF
RECOGNITION
PRESBYTERIAN HOMES RECEIVES
OPENING DOORS AWARD

The Human Rights Commission and DisAbility Employment Awareness Committee recently presented Presbyterian Homes & Services with the 2011 Opening Doors Award.

This award is presented annually to a Bloomington business or organization that excels in the employment and advancement of people with disabilities. For more than 30 years, Presbyterian Homes & Services has employed individuals with disabilities in multiple areas of its organization and has offered internship opportunities to Jefferson High School students with disabilities.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: OPENING DOORS.

PROMOTING EQUALITY IN THE COMMUNITY
THE BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



Since 1968, the Bloomington Human Rights Commission has advised the City Council on a variety of important human rights issues. The nine-member commission also recognizes community members for their outstanding efforts in the area of human rights through the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award and the DisAbility Employment Awareness Month Business Recognition Awards.

The Commission's primary focus is promoting programs and activities that build an inclusive and accessible community.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

To contact the Human Rights Commission, call 952-563-8733, TTY 952-563-8740 or e-mail humanrights+ci.bloomington.mn.us.



Mary Rice-Manzke, Chairperson
Term: 1/24/11 - 12/31/12



Vacant position



Marie Holm, Second Vice-Chairperson
Term: 1/24/11 - 12/31/12



Cynthia Kunkel, Youth Commissioner
Term: 8/15/11 - 8/31/12



Istaahil Maalin, Commissioner
Term: 1/24/11 - 12/31/12



Stan McFall, Commissioner
Term: 1/24/11 - 12/31/12



Noah Nieting, Youth Commissioner
Term: 8/15/11 - 8/31/12



Sanu Patel-Zellinger, Commissioner
Term: 1/24/11 - 12/31/12



Don Peterson, Commissioner
Term: 1/4/10 - 12/31/11



PEACE RUN AND
DIVERSITY DAY

Hundreds of Bloomington high school students, staff and community members will run, walk and roll from Kennedy to Jefferson High School on Friday, May 4, 10 a.m., to promote diversity and peace. At the end of the run, each school observes Diversity Day with presentations, cultural awareness displays and activities.

During 2011 Diversity Day, more than 200 students from Jefferson and Kennedy high schools participated in the peace run. A total of 81 different cultural booths were represented by 366 students. In addition, members of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington Transition Plus Program and Bloomington Historical Society provided supervision and assistance during the event.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: DIVERSITY DAY.